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ACADEMY AWARDS | COMING ATTRACTION



OSCAR'S POSSE: Cesar Perez, left, and Eddie Dechera keep an eye on an 8-foot Oscar statue in New York on Thursday. The replica will be used Sunday at an Oscar party at Manhattan's Le Cirque 2000 restaurant. **G-Rated:** Academy orders advertisers to keep it clean | Page 16

House OKs 'Unborn Victims' Bill

WASHINGTON | The House voted Thursday to treat attacks on a pregnant woman as separate crimes against both her and the fetus she is carrying. Critics say it would undermine abortion rights by giving fetuses new federal legal status.

Passage of the Unborn Victims of Violence Act was actively backed by the White House and President Bush's conservative supporters. Following enactment of the law banning "partial-birth" abortions last year, the bill is this year's prime measure dealing with the unborn.

It passed 254-163 after the House rejected

a Democratic-led alternative that would have increased penalties for attacks on pregnant women in which the fetus is injured or killed without conferring new rights on fetuses.

Supporters denied the bill was about abortion, pointing to language that specifically protects those carrying out legal abortions from prosecution. But the abortion issue dominated the debate.

Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., has pledged to bring up the bill soon, but it is uncertain whether he has the votes needed to pass it. JIM ABRAMS (AP)

Blair Hit With U.N. Spy Claim

Ex-Cabinet minister says Annan target of espionage

LONDON | Britain spied on U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan in the buildup to the Iraq war, a former Cabinet minister said Thursday, triggering yet another postwar crisis for Prime Minister Tony Blair.

Blair refused to confirm or deny the accusation and branded his former international development secretary, Clare Short, "deeply irresponsible" for commenting on sensitive security issues.

Short, who has repeatedly embarrassed Blair since she quit the Cabinet in May over the war, said she read transcripts of Annan's conversations while she was a member of the government.



Blair

"The U.K. in this time was also ... spying on Kofi Annan's office and getting reports from him about what was going on," she said in an interview with BBC radio.

The United Nations said any spying on Annan's office would be illegal.

For Blair, the allegation is another potentially damaging aftershock of the Iraq invasion. The government's bitter dispute with the BBC, over a report that it "sexed up" the threat posed by Iraq, ensured months of negative headlines and the worst crisis of Blair's career when a weapons scientist at the center of the allegations committed suicide.

Blair's decision to back President Bush caused his popularity to sag. Despite the swift fall of Baghdad, his personal ratings show little signs of recovering. ED JOHNSON (AP)

SCIENCE | The Drool Quotient A young scientist says cat drool appears to be cleaner than that of dogs. Lacey Lafromboise, a fifth-grader at Turtle Mountain Elementary School in Belcourt, N.D., earned a trip to the Native American Science Fair in Albuquerque, N.M., by proving that her

two dogs have more bacteria in their mouths than her two cats. Lacey's mom, Sandy Lafromboise, got permission from a science professor to use an incubator and a microscope at Minot State University, which probably helped a bit. (AP) **EyeOpeners** | Page 2

EyeOpeners

ANIMAL WATCH

Mache Rampage

You never know when a zoo animal is going to try and make its escape, so officials at the Ueno Zoo in Tokyo like to keep on their toes. Of course, running such a drill with real animals could endanger them, so they used this papier-mache rhino as a stand-in. During the annual exercise the "rhino" escapes from its cage and "injures" visitors and zoo workers as it roams through the park and is finally shot with a tranquilizer gun and captured. No people or rhinos were injured during the exercise. (EXPRESS)



YURIKO NAKAO/REUTERS

CRIME

Zero Tolerance

German prosecutors said Thursday they are investigating a student for stealing electricity after he plugged his laptop into a train station electrical

socket and used 0.2 euro cents (equivalent to one-fourth of a U.S. cent) of power. The 23-year-old man, whose identity wasn't released, was seen by police officers connecting the computer at the station in the central city of

Kassel late one evening last November. "They must investigate if there is suspicion of an offense," Kassel prosecutor Manfred Jung said. "However, these proceedings will most certainly be stopped." (AP)

MEDIA

'How-To' Hullabaloo

Top administrators at Northern Arizona University will meet with the school's publication board next week to discuss a controversial sex column that appeared in the student newspaper. Student writer Claire Fuller wrote a Feb. 12 column for The Lumberjack that offered a "how-to" guide on performing a sex act. One student wrote in a letter Thursday that she was "appalled" by the story, but added she already "knew all the points" the author discussed. (AP)

BUSINESS

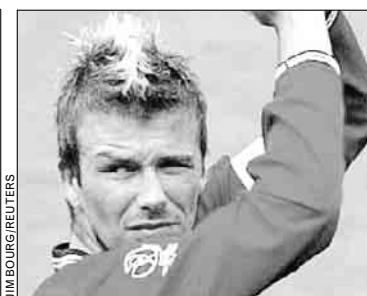
Destructive Deer

A deer smashed through a window of an area business Wednesday afternoon, surprising employees before it fled through the window and was struck by two vehicles, the Kalamazoo, Mich., Department of Public Safety said in a statement. "After a significant disruption inside the business, the deer ran back through the broken window and fled the scene," the statement said. It was struck by two vehicles outside the building as it tried to flee the area. (AP)

FASHION

Coiffure Control

They might idolize David Beckham's technique, but Chinese officials ordered its national boys' soccer team not to copy his ponytail or other "weird hairstyles," right. Rules issued this week by the China Football Association also bar players for the under-17 team from adopting the shaved head of Beckham's Real Madrid teammate Roberto Carlos. "Dyed hair, long hair and weird hairstyles are all strictly prohibited in the



JIM BOHRE/REUTERS

training camp and all players must cut hair short," said the order, reported by the official Xinhua News Agency. (AP)

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In Brief

MIAMI

Coast Guard Intercepts More Than 500 Haitians

The Coast Guard said Thursday it has encountered more than 500 Haitians on about a dozen vessels over the past three or four days as Haiti descends deeper into chaos. The announcement came a day after President Bush repeated that it is U.S. policy to turn back any Haitian refugees caught trying to reach American shores. (AP)

MADISON, WIS.

Attorney General Pleads Guilty to Drunk Driving Rap

Wisconsin Attorney General Peg Lautenschlager pleaded guilty to a civil drunken driving violation and apologized to voters Thursday, saying "this was a big mistake." Lautenschlager was cited Monday after she drove her state-owned car into a ditch. She was alone and unhurt, with a blood alcohol level of 0.12 percent, above the state limit of 0.08 percent, according to a preliminary breath test. (AP)

WASHINGTON

Rumsfeld Adviser Resigns Citing Campaign Politics

Richard Perle, a Defense Department adviser known for his hawkish views on Iraq, has resigned his membership on the Defense Policy Board, which counsels the secretary of defense on policy issues. In his resignation letter dated Feb. 18 and released Thursday, Perle said he quit because he did not want his controversial views "to be attributed to you or the president at any time, and especially not during a presidential campaign." (AP)



Perle

WEST PALM BEACH, FLA.

State Increases Patrols To Battle Aggressive Drivers

The Florida Highway Patrol has more patrol cars on the highways than ever in an effort to stop aggressive drivers in response to growing concerns over road rage. The agency planned to use 1,500 marked cars, 300 unmarked cars, video cameras, radar and airplanes Thursday and Friday to track irresponsible drivers on all Florida interstates and other major state roads. (AP)

AWAKENING | WELCOME TO THE WORLD



ED SUBA JR./AP

CROWDED HOUSE: Keith Hanselman, the father of sextuplets born at Akron, Ohio, touches the hand of one of the newborns on Thursday. Keith's wife, Jennifer Hanselman, gave birth to three boys and three girls after nearly five weeks of bed rest. The mother and babies are in good condition, doctors say.

POLL POSITION

The Democratic presidential candidates will continue their swings this weekend through the 10 states holding primaries or caucuses next Tuesday. Here's how the vote breaks down in two of those states, according to polls released on Thursday:

Maryland

- John Kerry: 42 percent
- John Edwards: 35 percent
- Al Sharpton: 2 percent
- Dennis Kucinich: 1 percent

American Research Group poll, conducted Feb. 22-24.

New York:

- John Kerry: 64 percent
- John Edwards: 22 percent
- Al Sharpton: 5 percent
- Dennis Kucinich: 2 percent

Marist poll, taken Feb. 25. Other candidates and undecided voters rounded out both polls.

Super Tuesday run-up: Full coverage of Thursday night's Democratic debate, plus the latest on the weekend's moves ahead of Tuesday's primaries | washingtonpost.com/politics

'Ashamed' Radio Chief Comes Clean**Clear Channel's Hogan apologizes to Congress for raunchy programs**

WASHINGTON | The head of the nation's largest radio station chain apologized Thursday for a raunchy morning show that brought the largest indecency fine in history.

John Hogan, president of 1,200-station Clear Channel Radio, told members of the House Energy and Commerce telecommunications subcommittee he was "ashamed" of the "Bubba the Love Sponge" show. The program, which aired on stations in Florida, recently was slapped with a \$755,000 proposed fine from the Federal Communications Commission for sexually explicit content and other alleged indecency violations.

"We were wrong to air that material," Hogan said. "I accept responsibility for our mistake and my company will live with the consequences of its actions."

Clear Channel fired the disc jockey Tuesday, then announced the next day it would suspend any personality accused of airing indecent programming and would ask its DJs to share in any financial penalties. Also Wednesday, it suspended broadcasts of the Howard Stern show on its six stations that



Hogan

carry it, citing sexually graphic content from Tuesday's broadcast.

Clear Channel's moves are the latest examples of broadcasters responding to pressure from federal regulators and lawmakers who say too much of radio and TV programming has become unsuitable for children.

Hogan joined executives from ABC, Fox, NBC and Pax in testifying before the subcommittee, which voted earlier this month to increase the maximum fine for indecency from \$27,500 to \$275,000.

JONATHAN D. SALANT (AP)

Sheriffs Knew of Columbine Killers**Report details police contact with Harris, Klebold before murders**

LAKEWOOD, COLO. | Authorities had at least 15 contacts with the Columbine High School killers dating back two years before their murderous attack, the state attorney general said Thursday in a report that angered families of the victims.

Ken Salazar also said he is investigating whether authorities tried to cover up what they knew about the rampage. However, he did not blame the Jefferson County sheriff's office for missing warning signs about Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold, and said he found no evidence of negligence.

But the attorney general said his investigation is not complete and has grown since he was asked to look into contacts between the killers and investigators beginning in



Dylan Klebold, one of the two students who killed 13 people at Columbine High School in 1999, speaks in a video for a class project released by police on Thursday.

1997, two years before the attack.

More than 150 people lined up to view a vast and chilling display of evidence — the murder weapons, bullet fragments, the chairs and tables where the victims were gunned down.

Authorities also released two videos, one of the anxious scene in a park across the street from the

school that day, and another, 90-minute compilation of videos made by Harris and Klebold.

Harris, 18, and Klebold, 17, killed 12 students and a teacher before taking their own lives at the school near Littleton on April 20, 1999. It remains the deadliest school shooting in U.S. history.

ROBERT WELLER (AP)

Smoking Behavior Study

The University of Maryland, Georgetown University, and the National Institutes of Health are conducting a study of current smokers in the DC area to see whether genes or genetic factors influence how persons smoke and if the way a person smokes causes some of the immediate harmful effects of smoking.

To be eligible, you must smoke at least 10 cigarettes a day and have been a smoker for the last 5 years. For more information about this study, or to see if you are eligible, call **800-706-2801**, and ask for Bobbi. Participants will be reimbursed.

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Nation

162 Priests Accused in Boston

City archdiocese says 815 minors have alleged abuse in past 50 years

BOSTON | The Boston Archdiocese, the epicenter of the clergy sex abuse crisis that has shaken the Roman Catholic Church, released a report Thursday showing that 162 of its priests have been accused of molesting 815 minors since 1950.

More than half of the incidents were linked to just seven priests, the report said.

The number of priests alleged to have molested people is equivalent to about 7 percent of the 2,324 ordained priests who served in the archdio-

cese during that time, according to church officials.

Boston Archbishop Sean O'Malley called the numbers "truly horrific."

"One incident of child abuse is too many, one child hurt too much," O'Malley said in a statement. "We must all do everything that we can to make sure that the scourge of child abuse not only within the church but in the wider society as well is wiped clean from our midst."

The statistics were part of a nationwide survey of clergy sex abuse conducted by the John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York.

The national report, scheduled to be released to the public on Friday, is expected to say that more than 4,000 priests have been accused nationwide since 1950. It was overseen by the National Review Board, a lay watchdog panel formed by American bishops after the abuse scandal exploded in Boston in January 2002.

Of the 815 allegations of sexual abuse by priests reported from 1950-2003, more than half took place between 1965 and 1982, but nearly 500 of the reports of abuse came in since the scandal broke in 2002, it said. DENISE LAVOIE (AP)

The national report: National Review Board officials will release findings of a nationwide church abuse study Friday | Get the latest at washingtonpost.com

SOUTHERN SNOW | TAGGED



HAVING A BALL: Matt Baunack, right, gets hit by a snowball thrown by Alice Randles, left, as Heidi Sarrell watches from behind, near Arden, N.C. Heavy snow began falling early Thursday, making a mess of the roads for the morning commute and leading officials to close school for the day.

Drug Claims To Strangle Cancer Cells

FDA approves Avastin, which temporarily treats colon cancer

WASHINGTON | The government on Thursday approved the first drug that promises to attack cancer by choking off its blood supply, a colon cancer treatment called Avastin.

The drug has only a modest benefit — it can extend the lives of patients with advanced colon cancer by about five months, the Food and Drug Administration cautioned.

But it's a significant development, because Avastin becomes the first drug proved to work according to a novel theory that tumors must form a network of blood vessels to survive — and that shutting down that process, called angiogenesis, could fight cancer in a manner completely differently than other treatments.

In a study of 800 colon cancer patients, half received intravenous Avastin in addition to routine chemotherapy. Not only was tumor growth delayed in those getting Avastin, but the Avastin patients lived about 20 months, five months longer than those getting standard treatment.

LAURAN NEERGAARD (AP)

Study: Native English Speakers Declining

WASHINGTON | The idea that English will become the world language is outdated, with the future more likely to see people switching between two or more languages for routine communications, a British language expert says in a new analysis.

The share of the world's population that speaks English as a native language is falling, David Graddol reports. Instead, English will play a growing role as a second language,

he says in the journal Science.

English-only speakers may find it difficult to fully participate in a multilingual society, he said.

A multilingual population is already the case in much of the world and is becoming more common in the United States. Indeed, the Census Bureau reported last year that nearly one American in five speaks a language other than English at home. (AP)

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In Brief



A Russian police officer stands on a stretch of Russia's new highway.

RUSSIA

Putin Opens Final Stretch Of Cross-Country Highway

President Vladimir Putin opened a stretch of highway Thursday in Russia's Far East that will make it possible for the first time to drive by road across this sprawling nation — starting in Europe and ending in Asia. Officials are hoping the 6,214-mile Moscow to Vladivostok trek will open a window to the East and the expanding Chinese market. (AP)

SWITZERLAND

Man Who Lost Family in Crash Denies Killing Air Controller

A man — apparently a Russian — who lost his wife and two children in a July 2002 airplane collision in Germany has been arrested on suspicion of stabbing to death the air traffic controller on duty at the time of the accident, officials said Thursday. The prosecutor said the man has denied killing the 36-year-old controller at the victim's home near Zurich airport Tuesday. (AP)

MOROCCO

Angry Earthquake Survivors Commandeer Aid Convoys

Infuriated earthquake survivors swarmed into the streets and commandeered aid convoys as international rescuers complained of slipshod organization by Moroccan officials in the effort to get relief to the neediest. Meanwhile, Moroccan officials called off rescue efforts, saying the missing had been accounted for. The death toll from Tuesday's pre-dawn quake held at 571 and was not expected to rise. About 400 people were injured. (AP)

Macedonian President Feared Dead

Trajkovski missing, presumed dead after plane crashes in fog

BITONJA, BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA | Macedonian President Boris Trajkovski, a moderate leader who helped unite his ethnically divided country, was missing and presumed dead Thursday after his plane crashed in thick fog, the Macedonian government said.

Trajkovski's presumed death comes at a critical time for Macedonia, a tiny Balkan republic still tense after six months of ethnic conflict in 2001. Trajkovski, 47, had



Trajkovski during an interview at his office in Skopje on Aug. 21, 2001.

been widely hailed for his efforts to get Macedonians and rival ethnic Albanians to live together in peace. He had called for the significant

inclusion of ethnic Albanians in state bodies and institutions.

Trajkovski was en route to an international investment conference in the Bosnian city of Mostar when his plane went down near the village of Bitonja, officials said.

Bosnia and Macedonia declared Friday a day of mourning and messages of condolences poured in from world leaders. Mourners lit candles in front of Trajkovski's office in the Macedonian capital, Skopje, where flags flew at half-staff. AMEL EMRIC (AP)

Unease: There was no indication of turmoil, but Macedonian forces were put on alert | Today's Post: Section A

U.S. Ban On Travel to Libya Ends

After 23 years, an opening for American companies, tourists

WASHINGTON | The Bush administration ended a long-standing ban on travel to Libya and invited American companies to begin planning their return after Moammar Gadhafi's government affirmed that it was responsible for the bombing of Pan Am flight 103 in 1988.

The administration also encouraged Libya to establish an official presence in Washington by opening an "interests section," a diplomatic office a level beneath an embassy.

The White House announcement rescinded travel restrictions that have been in place for 23 years against Libya, a country which the United States had long branded a sponsor of state terrorism.

Allowing U.S. travel to Libya would give U.S. corporations an opportunity to do lucrative business in Libya's rich oil fields.

The United States has been moving toward improved relations with Tripoli since Gadhafi renounced the development of weapons of mass destruction and allowed inspectors to verify that his country was abandoning nuclear, chemical and biological programs. (AP)

MIDEAST | ON THE EDGE



PARTING WAYS: An Israeli police officer fights with a group of Palestinian landowners near the West Bank town of Ramallah on Thursday. Hundreds of Palestinians threw stones at Israelis trying to clear a path for the West Bank separation barrier Thursday, drawing fire that killed two and hurt dozens in the bloodiest clashes yet over the controversial partition.

HEARSAY | ENTREATY

"The Vatican and the Pope must explain today ... that the Jewish nation, the Jewish people didn't kill Jesus."

— ISRAELI CHIEF RABBI YONA METZGER URGING THE POPE THURSDAY TO REITERATE IN PUBLIC THAT JEWS ARE NOT TO BLAME FOR THE DEATH OF JESUS, SAYING HE FEARS MEL GIBSON'S FILM "THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST" COULD REVIVE SUCH BELIEFS.

With One Big 'If,' N. Korea Pledges To Abandon Nukes

BEIJING | North Korea put an offer of nuclear disarmament on the bargaining table Thursday, then struck a characteristically tough stance by accusing the United States of blocking progress in six-nation talks on its weapons program.

"We will abandon our nuclear weapons program when the

Haiti's Rebels Poised

Leader says fighters are waiting for order to attack capital

PORT-AU-PRINCE, HAITI | Haiti's rebel leader said his fighters were advancing on the capital Thursday and awaited an order to attack unless President Jean-Bertrand Aristide resigns.

Rebel leader Guy Philippe would not say if an attack on the capital was imminent. "We're just going to take our positions and wait for the right time," he said in Cap-Haitien, Haiti's second-largest city, which fell to the rebels with little resistance on Sunday. The insurgents have overrun half of the country since the rebellion began three weeks ago.

In Washington, Secretary of State Colin Powell openly questioned whether Aristide can continue to serve effectively as Haiti's leader — the closest he has come to suggesting that Aristide bow out before his elected term ends in February 2006.

At a U.N. Security Council meeting on Haiti, Caribbean nations urged the immediate authorization of a multinational force to restore law and order. But the United States and France said they want a political settlement first. PAISLEY DODDS (AP)

Firm: Aides say Powell's language was designed to send Aristide a strong message | Today's Post: Section A

United States drops its hostile policy toward North Korea," said a statement read by an unidentified North Korean official.

The proposal to disarm came as China, the United States, North and South Korea, Japan and Russia met to try to resolve the dispute. North Korea's five negotiating partners all want the Korean Peninsula to be nuclear-free. North Korea insists it needs a nuclear "deterrent" against a possible U.S. attack but would freeze its efforts in return for aid and formal security assurances. (AP)

World

President Issues Cuba Restrictions

Bush's order expected to bolster his political standings in Florida

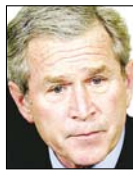
WASHINGTON | President Bush tightened U.S. travel restrictions against Cuba on Thursday, a move likely to strengthen his election-year standing in politically important Florida and heighten tensions with Fidel Castro's communist regime.

Bush's order, less than two weeks before Florida's presidential primary, said Castro's government had used sometimes deadly force against American and Cuban citizens over the past decade and might do so again. Such an incident "could threaten a disturbance of international relations," Bush said.

Bush's action expands the gov-

ernment's authority to prevent the unauthorized departure of Cuban-bound ships from U.S. waters. U.S. authorities would be empowered to inspect any vessel in U.S. territorial waters, place guards on ships and take possession under certain circumstances.

Scores, perhaps even hundreds, of yachts sail to Cuba from the United States without permission annually, most of them docking at the Marina Hemingway in western Havana. On any given day, usually a few American-based yacht can be seen docked the marina. Not a single vessel flying a U.S. flag was spotted late Thursday afternoon. **TERENCE HUNT (AP)**



Bush

Shiite Signals Flexibility on Elections

Cleric OKs unelected interim government in Iraq, with conditions

BAGHDAD, IRAQ | Iraq's most prominent Shiite cleric signaled Thursday that he would accept an unelected government after June 30 if elections are set, possibly at the end of the year, and the United Nations guarantees the date.

In a statement issued Thursday from his office in Najaf, Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Husseini al-Sistani said that "the period in which an unelected government should take control of this country must be short and for few months only." He insisted on "clear guarantees, such as a Security Council resolution" regarding the date for elections.

Although the timetable for the ballot is shorter than suggested by the United States, the statement by al-Sistani indicated an agreement



A man waves to a crowd of new Iraqi military recruits at a graduation ceremony in Kirkush on Thursday. More than 1,000 recruits entered the army on Thursday.

was taking shape to end the U.S. occupation on schedule. The Bush administration has said the June 30 deadline is firm.

Al-Sistani initially demanded elections to choose a transitional leg-

islature, which in turn would appoint a government. The Americans contended that elections were not feasible before June 30, however, and the United Nations concurred in a recent report. **ROBERT H. REID (AP)**



Headway: Al-Sistani's declaration, his first since the U.N. ruled out elections by June, amounts to a partial victory for the White House | Today's Post: Section A

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D.C. Unveils Fixed-Site Traffic Camera

WASHINGTON | The District of Columbia Metropolitan Police Department on Thursday activated a fixed-site photo radar camera to catch lead foots. Beginning March 27, owners of cars caught speeding by the camera will have a picture of

their license plate snapped, with a ticket following in the mail.

Until Thursday, similar cameras had been only in police cars deployed to different locations. Police Chief Charles H. Ramsey said Florida Avenue, Northeast, near the

Gallaudet University entrance, was chosen as the city's first fixed location for the device because of chronic problems with speeding there. He said that included three speeding-related fatalities in recent years.

Ramsey said police expect to consider having more fixed camera sites where speeding is a problem. (AP)

Board Lambastes Metro for Thefts

'Embarrassing' audit shows that agency lost millions in parking lots

WASHINGTON | Furious members of the Metro Board took transit agency officials to task Thursday over allegations that subway station parking lot workers may have been stealing millions of dollars.

An audit estimates as much as \$1 million was stolen each year, but Metro General Manager Richard White was forced to admit the cash-strapped agency does not know for sure how much was lost and for how long.

"It's a very, very embarrassing situation for this authority," said Gladys Mack, a board member from the District of Columbia.

Board member and D.C. Councilman Jim Graham said he and other board members learned of the May audit in the fall, and received a detailed briefing in December.

But Graham said they found out through the media reports Thursday that the private contractor operating Metro's pay lots and garages, Penn Parking, Inc., warned the agency years earlier that money was being stolen.

Penn Parking president Lisa Renshaw said for years she told Metro there were problems, and in 2000 sent agency parking officials a report detailing them.

Metro officials told board members they were not able to find the documents Renshaw said she sent. CANDACE SMITH (AP)

HEARSAY | D.C. WATER

"We need an urgent response to this urgent situation"

—D.C. COUNCILMEMBER ADRIAN FENTY, D-WARD 4 CALLING FOR A STATE OF EMERGENCY TO BE DECLARED IN THE DISTRICT BECAUSE ROUGHLY 20 PERCENT OF THE CITY'S WATER SUPPLY IS CONTAMINATED WITH LEAD.



BLOCKED: A Virginia state senate committee killed legislation Thursday that would have prohibited the distribution of the morning-after birth control pill at state-supported colleges. (AP)

The Lotteries

February 26

DISTRICT

| | |
|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Mid-day Lucky Numbers | 2-1-0 (white) |
| Evening Lucky Numbers | 1-4-5 (red) |
| Mid-day DC 4 | 4-5-7-6 |
| Evening DC 4 | 5-9-1-1 |
| Quick Cash | 2-15-20-24-38-7 |
| Hot Five | 27-6-16-21-17 |

MARYLAND

| | |
|----------------|----------------|
| Mid-day Pick 3 | 9-1-7 |
| Evening Pick 3 | 2-4-9 |
| Mid-day Pick 4 | 7-3-8-1 |

Evening Pick 4

| | |
|--------------|-----------------------------|
| Match 5 | 4-7-3-5 |
| Lotto (Wed.) | 1-3-8-12-28 Bonus: 5 |
| | 7-31-37-39-45-46 |

VIRGINIA

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|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Mid-day Pick 3 (Thurs.) | 5-7-0 |
| Evening Pick 3 (Wed.) | 3-4-5 |
| Mid-day Pick 4 (Thurs.) | 8-4-6-7 |
| Evening Pick 4 (Wed.) | 1-7-6-7 |
| Mid-day Cash 5 (Thurs.) | 5-18-27-28-33 |
| Evening Cash 5 (Wed.) | 4-15-17-23-31 |
| Lotto South (Wed.) | 3-9-12-18-21-43 |

MULTI-STATE GAMES

| | |
|------------------|--------------------------|
| Powerball (Wed.) | 4-5-11-17-47 (35) |
| Power Play | 5 |

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Money

Key Legal Figure in Stewart Trial Dies

NEW YORK | A key figure in the Martha Stewart stock-fraud trial collapsed at a train station and died, two days after giving testimony that appeared to damage the defense.

Jeremiah Gutman, an 80-year-old lawyer who once represented the star witness for the prosecution, collapsed Wednesday on a

Metro-North platform in suburban Westchester County.

He was found unconscious on a staircase and died later at a hospital, a Metro-North spokeswoman said Thursday. The cause was an apparent heart attack, associates of the lawyer said.

Gutman represented Merrill Lynch & Co. assistant Douglas Faneuil in early 2002, shortly after Faneuil handled Stewart's sale of ImClone Systems stock. (AP)

Panel: Airlines Should Know Their Load

WASHINGTON | Airlines should at least periodically weigh passengers to make sure they have an accurate assessment of the weight a plane will be carrying, federal investigators said Thursday.

The recommendation arose from the National Transportation Safety Board's investigation of the crash of US Airways Express Flight 5481 last year at North Carolina's Charlotte-Douglas Airport, in which weight

was a factor. All 21 people aboard were killed in the crash.

The board recommended the FAA identify situations where airlines should actually weigh passengers and bags instead of using estimates. It also said the FAA should require airlines to weigh passengers from time to time to determine when they might be heavier — for example, according to season. The FAA is already examining that idea. (AP)

'Potter' Author Joins Billionaires

Rowling is one of 587 on Forbes magazine's annual list of the rich

NEW YORK | "Harry Potter" author J.K. Rowling and the founders of the Google search engine have landed on Forbes magazine's annual list of billionaires. Rallying stocks and a strong euro swelled the list to the longest it has ever been.

Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates is No. 1 for the 10th straight year.

Newcomers to the list included Rowling and Google founders Sergey Brin and Larry Page. All three debuted at No. 552 with \$1 billion each.

The magazine counted some 587 billionaires around the world, up from 476 in 2003. Their total net



"Harry Potter" author J.K. Rowling was added to the list at No. 552 with \$1 billion.

worth was put at \$1.9 trillion, up from \$1.4 trillion in 2003.

As usual, older, married men dominated the list, which includes only 53 women and 24 single people. The billionaires have an average age of 64. Only 27 are under 40. MICHAEL P. REGAN (AP)

In Brief

CARS 490,000 Tires Recalled After Link to Fatal Crashes

Bridgestone/Firestone on Thursday announced a recall of about 490,000 Steeltex tires linked to sport utility vehicle crashes that killed five people. The Steeltex LT265/75R16 Load Range D tires were made for use on Ford Excursions from 2000 to 2002 and some early 2003 models. (AP)

TELECOMMUNICATIONS Morse Code Coming of Age

Dot. Dash. Dash. Dot. Dash. Dot. By summer, that will be the international symbol for @, the sign used in e-mail addresses, under the quaint but rarely used Morse code system. A working group of the United Nations International Telecommunication Union last month recommended the first change to the code since at least the 1930s. Approval is expected this spring, a spokesman said. (AP)

TELECOMMUNICATIONS Jurors Rule for IBM In Ex-Workers' Cancer Suit

A California jury decided Thursday that IBM Corp. was not responsible for cancers that developed in two former employees at a disk drive plant. The jury deliberated for less than two days before clearing IBM of claims that harsh chemicals used in the factory contributed to the disease. The trial was the first of more than 200 similar lawsuits against the computer giant. (AP)



Microsoft founder Bill Gates was once again named richest of the rich.

FORBES'S FAB FIVE

The list members, their ages, wealth (in billions) and source of money:

- 1 **Bill Gates**, 48, \$46.6, Microsoft
- 2 **Warren Buffett**, 73, \$42.9, Berkshire Hathaway
- 3 **Karl Albrecht** (Germany), 84, \$23, supermarkets
- 4 **Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Alsaud** (Saudi Arabia), 47, \$21.5, investments
- 5 **Paul Allen**, 51, \$21, Microsoft, investments

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New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

| STOCK | LAST | DAILY CHANGE | DAILY PERCENT CHANGE |
|------------|-------|--------------|----------------------|
| VeritDGC | 16.35 | +2.16 | +15.2 |
| CmpTsk | 4.95 | +0.48 | +10.7 |
| GreenbCos | 17.00 | +1.60 | +10.4 |
| Titan Intl | 4.91 | +0.40 | +8.9 |
| Tiffany | 42.65 | +3.17 | +8.0 |

Losers

| STOCK | LAST | DAILY CHANGE | DAILY PERCENT CHANGE |
|------------|-------|--------------|----------------------|
| RoylGp g | 10.39 | -2.64 | -20.3 |
| SunriseSen | 37.82 | -4.08 | -9.7 |
| vjGrace | 2.82 | -.23 | -7.5 |
| BarryRG h | 2.01 | -.15 | -6.9 |
| MailWell | 4.14 | -.21 | -4.8 |

Rates

| | CURRENT | PREVIOUS WEEK |
|-----------------|---------|---------------|
| Prime Rate | 4.00 | 4.00 |
| Fed Funds close | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| 3-month | 0.94 | 0.92 |
| 2-year | 1.69 | 1.65 |
| 10-year | 4.04 | 4.03 |
| 30-year | 4.91 | 4.90 |

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

| STOCK | LAST | DAILY CHANGE | DAILY PERCENT CHANGE |
|-----------|-------|--------------|----------------------|
| Unifab rs | 2.70 | +.94 | +53.4 |
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| CstULss | 4.86 | +1.13 | +30.3 |
| IndSrvAm | 25.31 | +5.41 | +27.2 |
| decdGenet | 13.20 | +2.60 | +24.5 |

Losers

| STOCK | LAST | DAILY CHANGE | DAILY PERCENT CHANGE |
|-----------|-------|--------------|----------------------|
| US Cnert | 6.10 | -1.15 | -15.9 |
| ClinicDat | 15.22 | -2.58 | -14.5 |
| EFJ Inc n | 5.53 | -.92 | -14.3 |
| Elamex | 2.03 | -.33 | -14.0 |
| NN Inc | 11.74 | -1.51 | -11.4 |

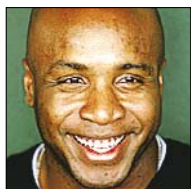
Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

| | TODAY | PREVIOUS DAY | YEAR AGO |
|------------------|---------|--------------|----------|
| British Pound | .5374 | .5344 | .6332 |
| Canadian Dollar | 1.3416 | 1.3345 | 1.4935 |
| European Euro | .8039 | .8003 | .9267 |
| Japanese Yen | 109.63 | 109.02 | 117.13 |
| Mexican Peso | 11.0490 | 11.0700 | 11.0294 |
| Taiwanese Dollar | 33.31 | 33.24 | 34.78 |

| DOW | NASDAQ | S&P 500 |
|----------|---------|---------|
| -21.48 | +9.59 | +1.24 |
| -0.20 | +0.47 | +0.11 |
| 10580.14 | 2032.57 | 1144.91 |

Pharmacy Stocks

| STOCK | LAST | DAILY CHANGE | YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE |
|-----------|-------|--------------|-----------------------------|
| Allergan | 86.24 | +.01 | +12.3 |
| AstraZen | 48.38 | -.22 | ... |
| BarrPhm | 77.70 | +1.16 | +1.0 |
| BrMySq | 28.23 | -.35 | -1.3 |
| ForestLab | 74.54 | +.75 | +20.6 |
| JohnJn | 53.97 | -.09 | +4.5 |
| KingPhrm | 19.49 | +.38 | +27.7 |
| LillyEli | 73.60 | +.81 | +4.6 |
| Merck | 47.64 | -.25 | +3.1 |
| Mylan s | 23.13 | -.42 | -8.4 |
| Pfizer | 37.13 | -.12 | +5.1 |
| SchergPl | 17.91 | -.04 | +3.0 |
| ShirePh | 30.99 | -.33 | +6.6 |
| WatsnPh | 46.20 | -.11 | +4 |
| Wyeth | 40.60 | -.08 | -4.4 |



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—GIANTS SLUGGER BARRY BONDS
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SportsWeekend



WORLD IN HIS HANDS: Pittsburgh's Carl Krauser says his job is to make sure the Panthers win. That's what the team has done 25 times this year to climb up to the No. 3 spot in the most recent Associate Press men's college basketball poll.

Pitt's X-Factor

Point guard Krauser has Panthers eyeing Final 4

COLLEGE BASKETBALL | When Pittsburgh point guard Carl Krauser makes an important basket, he celebrates by crossing his arms in an X to honor his home borough of the Bronx.

Right now, that X could also represent the Roman numeral 10 — as in the number of victories that

would separate this Pitt team from any in the last 63 years.

Winning their next 10, including three in next month's Big East tournament, would send the No. 3 Panthers (25-2, 11-2) to the NCAA Final Four for the first time since 1941.

The Panthers, of course, can reach San Antonio with fewer vic-

tories, though losing again wasn't on Krauser's mind after he scored a career-high 26 points Tuesday night in a 68-58 comeback victory over Georgetown.

Pitt trailed in the second half for the eighth time in 13 Big East games, yet rallied to win for the

sixth time. That comeback ability could serve the Panthers well in the NCAA tournament and illustrates why, on a team filled with senior leaders, no Pitt player is more important than its sophomore point guard.

"My job is to make sure we win," said Krauser.

Despite being the Panthers' only unproven starter when the season opened, Krauser leads them in scoring (15.5 points per game), assists (4.9), minutes (35.3) and free-throw shooting (75 percent).

That final statistic is important because Krauser's predecessor, former Big East co-player of the year

"If your point guard isn't confident, then you're not going to be very successful," said Krauser.

Brandin Knight, was only a 57.5 percent foul shooter last season. Krauser's finishing ability has proven to be one of Pitt's biggest strengths as it heads into Sunday's home game against Syracuse (18-6, 8-5).

Krauser scored 19 of his 26 points in the second half against Georgetown, a typical performance for a player who grew up admiring how stars closed out games by making big shots.

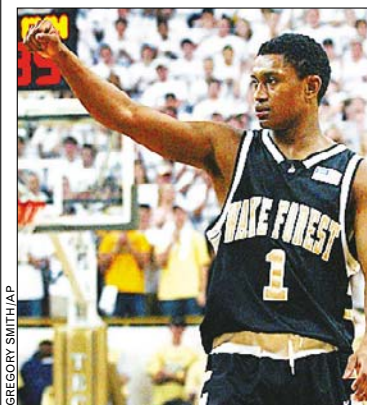
In Pitt's season opener, Krauser scored 19 of his 21 points against Alabama in the second half. He drove the length of the floor for a game-tying layup against Miami in the closing seconds, then helped Pitt win in overtime. He had 14 of his 19 in the second half of a 66-58 victory at Notre Dame.

"I want to run the ball at the end of a game," Krauser said. "If your point guard isn't confident, then you're not going to be very successful." ALAN ROBINSON (AP)

Bubble bursters: The Post's Matt Rennie and Matt Bonesteel predict who's in and who's out of the NCAA tournament | washingtonpost.com/liveonline at noon.

TV Lineup

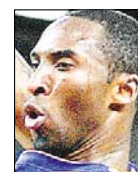
→ **WAKE-UP CALL:** The Maryland Terrapins on Saturday (1 p.m. on ABC) host ACC rival Wake Forest, led by standout sophomore Justin Gray. The game is crucial for the Terps, who are in danger of missing the NCAA tournament for the first time in 11 years. Wake Forest, on the other hand, seems a lock for the tournament.



Maryland needs to stop guard Justin Gray to beat Wake Forest on Saturday.

→ **CAPS WEEKEND:** The Capitals, who appear on the verge of making even more high-profile trades, are on the road for two division games starting with Friday's contest at Florida (7:30 p.m. on Comcast) and head to Tampa Bay Saturday (7:30 p.m. on Comcast).

→ **LA-LA LAND:** The Washington Wizards snapped their five-game losing streak Saturday, but Kobe Bryant and the red-hot Los Angeles Lakers invade the MCI Center Saturday (3:30 p.m. on Comcast) for a non-conference contest.



Bryant

→ **NIGHT FIGHTS:** The WBC super featherweight championship is on the line when champion Jesus Chavez takes on Erik Morales Saturday (9:30 p.m. on HBO).

→ **PLAYING WITH MATCHES:** The world's best players are taking part in the Accenture Match Play Championship, which concludes Sunday (2 p.m. on ABC).

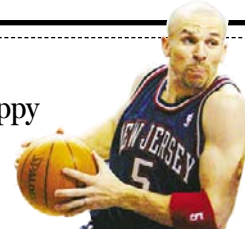
CAVALIER PERFORMER

Virginia's Todd Billet might be the NCAA's best clutch shooter. He has made three game-winning three-pointers, including one on Tuesday against North Carolina.



LIKE A KIDD IN A CANDY STORE

New Jersey's Jason Kidd seems very happy with new coach Lawrence Frank. Under Frank, Kidd led the Nets to 13 straight wins before Wednesday's loss.



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Back on the Mound

Orioles' Ramsay makes pitch after brain cancer

BASEBALL | Radiation treatments have made it impossible for Rob Ramsay to grow hair on the front of his scalp, so there's no hiding the ear-to-ear, zipper-like scar across the top of his head.

People stare, but Ramsay doesn't mind. His survival from brain surgery is a remarkable story, and the scar proves just how fortunate he is to be able to tell the tale.

"The scar is a blessing. A miracle," said his wife, Samantha.

Two years after having a cancerous baseball-sized tumor removed from the front of his brain, Ramsay is trying to revive his major league career.

His comeback began last season, when he pitched for the San Diego Padres in an exhibition game before being sent to the team's Class A affiliate.

Now he's at spring training with the Baltimore Orioles, who last month signed the left-hander to a minor league contract.

He pitched in Triple-A ball in



The scar on Rob Ramsay's head is "a miracle," said his wife, Samantha.

2001 before experiencing severe headaches and nausea that fall. After finally heeding Samantha's advice to see a doctor, Ramsay was diagnosed with glioblastoma multiforme, a form of brain cancer.

"At the time I was just like, 'Let's get this thing out of there and I'll be on my way,'" he recalled. Ramsay

underwent brain surgery on Jan. 23, 2002, and sat out the 2002 season. But he had no intention of giving up on baseball, and one year after the operation signed a minor league contract with the Padres.

The decision stunned his wife, who probably would have preferred to see him take an office job.

"We had just had a crazy year, and I thought, 'This is kind of strange,'" Samantha said. "But he never once told me that he was done with baseball, so I resigned from my job and went with him."

He still takes oral chemotherapy to prevent a recurrence, yet Ramsay is convinced that the battle is all but over. "The scans now for over a year have been clean, so barring a recurrence, I'm clear," he said.

His doctors and the Orioles' physicians are monitoring his health, and his limited participation thus far hasn't helped him improve his long odds of making the team.

"I feel like I'm being held back at times. But it's something I just have to deal with," he said.

DAVID GINSBURG (AP)

BIATHLON | TRAINING DAY



TAKING AIM: Jeremy Teela, foreground, of the U.S. Biathlon team, hones his shooting skills during a training exercise on Thursday in Lake Placid, N.Y. Teela and his teammates are preparing for the Biathlon World Cup, which begins Friday in upstate New York.

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How the Mighty Have Fallen

Once-elite Penguins in midst of one of the worst years in history

HOCKEY | As the Pittsburgh Penguins skid toward one of the worst records by any non-expansion team in pro sports history, maybe the 1989-90 Quebec Nordiques offer some hope and encouragement.

Les Nordiques were the role models for losing, a group of stars-to-be or stars who no longer were that won only 12 of 80 games.

The Penguins are 12-42-5-4, so they probably won't quite reach a Nordiques-like level of ineptitude, but their rapid fall from grace has been steep and almost without rival in recent NHL history.

Three years after reaching the Eastern Conference finals and 11 years after winning a league-record 17 straight games, the Penguins snapped an 18-game losing streak on Wednesday in Phoenix. No team in NHL history had lost so many games in a row.

Just like these Penguins, who have won only 66 of 226 over the last three seasons, the 1989-90 Nordiques' losing wasn't confined to a single dreadful season. A succession of poor finishes allowed them to draft a stream of stars who became the foundation of their two Stanley Cup-winning teams in Colorado.



LOOK OUT BELOW: Aleksey Morozov and the Penguins keep falling in games.

The Penguins, who quickly disintegrated after they could no longer afford to pay their former stars, have already drafted goalie-of-the-future Marc-Andre Fleury. A last-place finish would give them a nearly 50-50 chance of winning the draft lottery and getting the No. 1 pick, almost certain to be Russian star Alexander Ovechkin.

Landing Ovechkin, just as drafting Mario Lemieux did in 1984, might accelerate the Penguins' rebuilding effort by years. So could a more franchise-friendly collective bargaining agreement.

ALAN ROBINSON (AP)

SEASONS TO FORGET

- The 1972-73 Philadelphia 76ers of the NBA finished with a 9-73 record.
- In their first year of existence, the NFL's Tampa Bay Buccaneers went 0-14 in 1976.
- Year one was especially difficult for the Ottawa Senators, who finished 10-70-4 and won only one road game in the 1992-93 NHL season.
- Who can forget the 1962 New York Mets, who went 40-120 as a baseball expansion team?

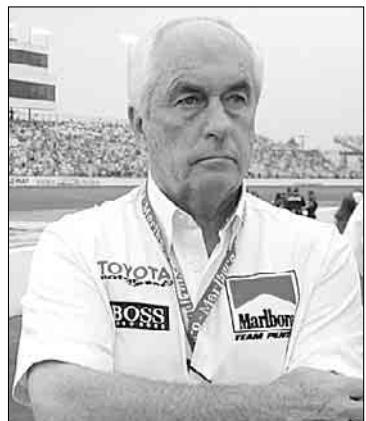
For Legendary Penske, IRL Success Still Secret

AUTO RACING | Roger Penske's elite open-wheel teams have won 11 national championships over the past three decades. The Captain, however, still isn't satisfied.

He has yet to win an IndyCar Series championship.

That's not the way it was supposed to be when Penske took his team out of the struggling CART series after Gil de Ferran gave him consecutive championships in 2000 and 2001.

"A lot of people thought Penske would arrive in the IRL and start winning everything," said Sam



Team owner Roger Penske is looking for his first IRL championship in 2004.

Hornish Jr., a two-time IRL champion who joined Team Penske last winter. "It's been kind of a surprise that he hasn't."

Probably for Penske, too.

He'll get another chance starting Sunday, the beginning of his third year as an Indy Racing League team owner, at the season-opening Toyota Indy 300 at Homestead Miami Speedway.

"I won't say I'm disappointed we haven't won an IRL championship because everybody has worked very hard and we just haven't done it yet," Penske said. "But I hope this will be the year."

Team Penske will certainly not be the only solid contender in 2004. In fact, nobody would be surprised to see another championship that goes to the final race. MIKE HARRIS (AP)

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An Evening with Abraham Foxman

Reservations required: 202.488.0407

An interview with **Abraham H. Foxman**, National Director of the Anti-Defamation League, who spent the war years in Lithuania as a hidden child.

This program has been made possible by The Blanche and Irving Laurie Foundation.

THURSDAY, APRIL 29, 7 P.M.

Creating the Exhibition

Life in Shadows: Hidden Children and the Holocaust

Reservations required: 202.488.0407

Museum curators **Steve Luckert** and **Suzy Snyder**, joined by survivor and hidden child **Alfred Munzer**, discuss the challenging task of developing the exhibition with journalist **Bill Benson**.

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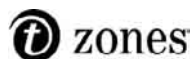


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SportsWeekend

Lewis Pleads Not Guilty to Charges

ATLANTA | Baltimore Ravens star running back Jamal Lewis pleaded not guilty Thursday to federal charges that he tried to help a childhood friend buy cocaine in the summer of 2000.

Lewis was released on \$500,000 bond after a 15-minute hearing in federal court. Lewis, who surrendered earlier in the day, did not speak during the hearing, other than answering "yes" when asked if he understood his rights and his plea.

No drug transaction was made, according to the federal indictment handed up Wednesday. The investigation focuses on a restaurant meeting between Lewis, a boyhood friend and a woman who turned out to be a police informant — as well as a cell phone conversation between



Ravens running back Jamal Lewis denies charges that he sold cocaine.

Lewis and the informant.

Lewis was charged with a drug conspiracy count that carries a penalty of 10 years to life in prison if convicted. Lewis's friend, Angelo Jackson, was indicted on similar charges and arrested Wednesday.

MARK NIESSE (AP)

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| Phoenix | 20 | 24 | 15 | 4 | 59 | 157 | 184 |

Standings through Feb. 25.
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It Came From Satireland

'Lost Skeleton of Cadavra' sends up 1950s monster movies in style

FILM | "The Lost Skeleton of Cadavra" may not be for everyone, but those who appreciate spot-on spoofs of the cheesiest of '50s sci-fi monster movies may find it an inspired delight.

The film's writer-director-star, Larry Blamire, has a sharp ear for the clichés of old serials, radio shows and B-movies and their motifs that reaches back at least to "King Kong," from which it makes a direct steal.

Some may find the film as flat as the pictures it spoofs — "King Kong" excepted — but for others that will be part of its pleasure. As deliberately silly as the film is, it is very knowing and carefully thought out.

Blamire's Dr. Paul Armstrong is a dedicated scientist who, with his devoted wife Betty (Fay Masterson), has rented a cabin in the mountains as he searches for a fallen meteor containing the rare element "atmosphereum."

As it happens, nearby is Cadavra Cave, home to a legendary "Lost Skeleton." The Lost Skeleton may be dead, but somehow his brain still functions, and all he needs is a dose of atmosphereum to bring him back to sinister life.

Meanwhile, a spacecraft from the planet Marva crashes in the woods and out step aliens Kro-Bar (Andrew Parks) and his wife Lattis (Susan McConnell). They



MUTANT NEED WALKIE: Betty has a close encounter with a runaway alien pet.

travel with their pet, a huge, monstrous-looking Mutant (Darrin Reed), who promptly runs off.

Searching for the Lost Skeleton is evil scientist Dr. Roger Fleming (Brian Howe). In short, if the atmosphereum falls into the hands of Fleming, and he administers it to the Lost Skeleton, they will be able to rule the world.

The fun begins in earnest when first Kro-Bar and Lattis, who recite their dialogue as if it had been written by Shakespeare, descend upon the Armstrongs' cabin, soon followed by Fleming with Animala in tow. The perfect '50s wife, Betty graciously invites them all to din-

As deliberately silly as "Lost Skeleton" is, it's very knowing and carefully thought out.

ner and remains unflappable even when Animala chows down on the food on her plate like a cat or dog — and the aliens promptly copy her. Betty and Paul are blissfully obtuse types, with Paul unconsciously condescending to his wife, to whom he says that he wants her brain occupied only by thoughts of him.

Right through to its fade-out, the seedy-looking, black-and-white "Lost Skeleton of Cadavra," with its two-bit props and special effects, provokes laughter. KEVIN THOMAS (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

→ Got Plans?

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The Going Out Gurus of Got Plans? think you should get out more. Get in on the discussion every Thursday at 1 p.m.

Any good ideas on breakfast places. Any ideas?

Have you been to the Royal restaurant in Old Town? It's a hilarious old place that does a roaring breakfast on weekend mornings. An all-you-can-eat affair, but wow — around \$7 on Saturday; \$10 on Sunday.

734 N. Saint Asaph St., Alexandria; 703-548-1616.

Hey, I've got family coming into town this weekend, and I'm at a bit of a loss as to what to do with them. Do you know of any parent-friendly shows around town?

"Having Our Say" at the Olney Theatre might be a good option for them. Also, Studio's "Syringa Tree" is supposed to be excellent if you can get tickets.

Olney Theatre Center for the Arts, 2001 Olney-Sandy Spring Road, Olney; 301-924-3400.

Studio Theatre, 1333 P St. NW; 202-332-3300.

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Claudia Robinson and Gloria Sauve as Sadie and Bessie in "Having Our Say."

TWO THUMBS UP? Or 10 toes? Get the verdict on the latest film releases in today's *Washington Post*.

Cross to Bear: An almost unwatchable onslaught of savagery makes for an intense viewing experience. Michael O'Sullivan reviews "The Passion of the Christ." | *Weekend*

Sketchy Comedy: From the comedians who brought you "Super Troopers," it's a "Dread"-ful horror-spoof followup. Desson Thomson reviews "Broken Lizard's Club Dread." | *Style*

The Thrill Is Gone: Obvious suspects, dumb oversights, heavy-handed backstory — it must be Philip Kaufman's inept thriller. Michael O'Sullivan reviews "Twisted." | *Weekend*

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Two Leftist Feet

FILM | Judging by their laughable dialogue, mediocre dancing ability and total lack of chemistry, it doesn't look like "Dirty Dancing: Havana Nights" stars Diego Luna and Romola Garai are having the time of their lives in this pointless prequel.

Garai plays Katey, a prim, studious American who moves to Havana in 1958 when her father's company transfers him there.

There she falls for Javier (Luna), a waiter at her upscale hotel who teaches her about Cuban dance and urges her to "just feel the music."

Never mind that Havana is on the verge of revolution — these kids just want to party! And what better place than the Latin ballroom dance competition.

But first, Katey and Javier must go through the obligatory rigors of rehearsal, and let their awkward gyrations evolve into forbidden love.

Original dirty dancer Patrick Swayze even shows up in a cameo,



NOBODY PUTS BABY IN A PREQUEL: Garai and Luna point toward video rental dom.

and his presence is a reminder of how substandard this film is, without the sense of longing and melancholy that made the original a favorite of teen girls in the '80s.

In its place are jarringly bad dialogue and a weird musical time warp in which songs by contemporary artists have Spanish lyrics but a hip-hop beat.

Based on Luna's performance in "Y Tu Mama Tambien," he's clearly destined for better things.

Garai, who has a fresh prettiness, sounds as if she's reading her lines for the first time when she says in a breathy monotone to Luna, on the morning after the revolution, "I'm so glad I could see all this with you." CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)

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→GotPlans?

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Where can a guy and his guitar go to play a song or two at an open-mike night, preferably in Arlington? Thanks!

Iota's Wednesday night acoustic open mike gets raves, and begins at 9 p.m. Sunday's open mike at Whitlow's draws a good number of acoustic musicians, too. It starts at 7 p.m. Remember to get there early to sign up.

Iota, 2832 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; 703-522-8340. (Court House)

2854 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; 703-276-9693. (Clarendon)

Arlington open mike: Dr. Dremo's also has open-mike night, on Thursdays.

It does indeed.

2001 Clarendon Blvd., Arlington; 703-528-4660. (Court House)

Quick question, oh wise ones. My indie sister is coming to town to celebrate her 18th birthday. Does the Black Cat's 18-and-up policy apply to Mousetrap as well? Any other suggestions for underage

fun that wouldn't be painful for a 26-year-old?

All Black Cat shows are all-ages, even Mousetrap. You could also take her to Galaxy Hut for live music Saturday through Monday.

Black Cat, 1811 14th St. NW; 202-667-7960. (U St.-Cardozo)

Galaxy Hut, 2711 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; 703-525-8646. (Clarendon)

Any word on bars showing the premiere of "The Sopranos"?

Felix will be showing "The Sopranos" this year. It's no "Sex and the City" in terms of draw, though. Now, what kind of drink specials should they offer ...?

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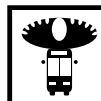
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50 FIRST DATES (PG-13, 96 minutes) Adam Sandler and Drew Barrymore star in a partly charming, partly crass romantic comedy about a reformed womanizer courting a brain-damaged woman who can't remember her suitor from one day to the next. Sure, there's some gross-out humor, but the film — whose message is that love, like antiperspirant, must be re-applied every day — is ultimately more sweet than sour. Call it a chick flick for guys. (MO)

AGAINST THE ROPES (PG-13, 111 minutes) This formulaic boxing picture, based on the life of successful female boxing manager Jackie Kallen (spunky Meg Ryan), hits all the predictable marks. Naturally, Kallen has to overcome sexism and the underdog status of her chief fighter (Omar Epps) to achieve the kind of victory we have been conditioned to expect this sort of thing. After all, they don't make many boxing movies about losers. (MO)

BARBERSHOP 2: BACK IN BUSINESS (PG-13, 113 minutes) It won't give "The Godfather: Part II" a run for its money as the best sequel ever made. But it's a warm, often funny reunion of the sassi-

est, chattiest characters ever to buzz a brother's head. You'll like this one more than you'd expect. (DT)

CITY OF GOD (R, 130 minutes) Brazilian director Fernando Meirelles, co-director Katia Lund and screenwriter Braulio Mantovani spent months casting, training and rehearsing their mostly slum-dwelling amateur actors to make an extraordinary film about Cidade de Deus, where drug-dealing teenagers kill one another with mesmerizing abandon. (MO)

CONFESSIONS OF A TEENAGE DRAMA QUEEN (PG, 86 minutes)

The only real drama — or comedy, for that matter — in this antic tale of a 15-year-old Manhattanite (Lindsay Lohan) trying to cope with a move to the New Jersey 'burbs is in the title. You say there's no "comedy" in the title? Exactly. Only fitfully amusing thanks



Lohan

to Lohan's natural charisma, the movie tells the lie that life is a series of fairy-tale happy endings where the unjust are punished and the just are really cute. (MO)

THE DREAMERS (NC-17, 115 minutes) There's so much frank sex and frontal nudity in Bernardo Bertolucci's latest — a tale of friendship and more between an American student (Michael Pitt) and very close French twins — that some viewers might not notice that it's also a movie about ideas. Themes involving the conflict between idealism and reality and the power of art to feed our souls percolate through the steam and give us something to think about as well as look at. (MO)

EUROTRIP (R, 92 minutes) The producers of this mediocre movie let bathroom humor, lewd scenarios and gratuitous nudity color their European landscape. The film promotes the stereotype of the gawking, ignorant American tourists who invade Europe every summer

without regard to the people or their cultures. (SARAH GEBHARDT)

OSAMA (PG-13, 82 minutes) The first entirely Afghan film shot since the rise and fall of the Taliban, Siddiq Barma's crushingly tragic story follows a young girl (Marina Golbahri) forced to disguise herself as a boy in order to find work when her mother loses her job and is prevented from leaving the house due to the restrictive policies of the Taliban. The girl calls herself Osama, but her ruse is revealed when she's sent to a school-cum-Taliban training facility, leading to, not an execution, but a fate that nevertheless holds a death of the spirit. (MO)

THE TRIPLETS OF BELLEVILLE (PG-13, 80 minutes) The spirits of James Thurber, Tex Avery and Jacques Tati hover benevolently around Sylvain Chomet's animated feature about a Tour de France bike champ gone missing, and his aunt Sylvie and the dog Bruno, who search for him. It's too fanciful to be called a deeply serious movie but too suffused with gentle melancholy to be called a cartoon. (AH)

WELCOME TO MOOSEPORT (PG-13, 115 minutes) Small-screen nice guy Ray Romano just doesn't have the oomph to carry off this comedic belly-flop about a small-town Maine hardware-store owner running for mayor against an ex-president of the United States (Gene Hackman). The film's worst crime is the forced parade of quaint wackos and endearing oddballs meant to evoke eccentric charm. (MO)

Sunday in The Washington Post



Little Girl Lost:

Justine Waddell stars in Monday's "The Mystery of Natalie Wood," a made-for-TV drama, directed by Peter Bogdanovich, about the life, career and early death of the beautiful actress. | *TVWeek*

Knock 'Em Dead:

Ballroom boxing in Glen Burnie is only a road trip away, complete with a tattoo parlor, pool tables and, of course, fisticuffs. | *Sunday Source*

Red Carpet Treatment:

Sarah Kaufman talks to New York City Ballet director Peter Martins on the occasion of the company's first D.C. visit in 17 years. | *Arts*



Meg Ryan spunkily faces down sexism in the boxing world in "Against the Ropes."

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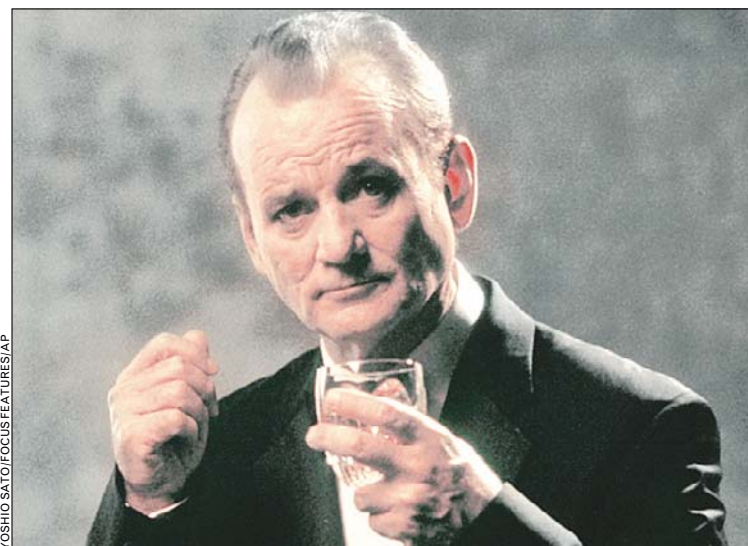
Sofia Coppola's "Lost in Translation" is up for best original screenplay, but a good chunk of her words went by in a blur for non-Japanese-speaking audiences.

Herein, an English-language version of the scene in which aging actor Bob Harris (Bill Murray), trussed into a tuxedo and sunk uneasily in a leather armchair, tries to communicate with an impatient — and suspiciously verbose — Japanese director on the set of a whiskey commercial.

Unfortunately for them both, the timorous female translator is far more polite than she needs to be:

Director: Mr. Bob-san, you are relaxing in your study. On the table is a bottle of Suntory whiskey. Got it? Look slowly, with feeling, at the camera, and say it gently — say it as if you were speaking to an old friend. Just like Bogie in Casablanca, Here's looking at you, kid — Suntory time.

Translator: Umm. He want you to



YOSHIO SATO/FOCUS FEATURES/AP

IS THIS ENOUGH INTENSITY? Murray's Bob Harris tries to navigate the culture gap.

turn, looking at camera. OK?

Harris: That's all he said?

Translator: Yes. Turn to camera.

Harris: All right. Does he want me to turn from the right, or turn from the left?

Translator: Uh, umm. He's ready now. He just wants to know if he's supposed to turn from the left or turn from the right when the camera rolls. What should I tell him?

Director: What difference does it

make! Makes no difference! Don't have time for that! Got it, Bob-san? Just psych yourself up, and quick! Look straight at the camera. At the camera. And slowly ... with passion. Straight at the camera. And in your eyes there's ... passion. Got it?

Translator: Right side. And with intensity. OK?

Harris: Is that everything? It seemed like he said quite a bit more than that. JOJI SAKURAI (AP)

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Oscar rolls out the red carpet, but not for ads it deems in "questionable taste."

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DAVID BAUDER (AP)

Entertainment

Sly in the Reality Ring

LAUNCHES | Sylvester Stallone is getting back into boxing — this time finding and grooming young fighters to compete in a reality television show.

The 57-year-old star who played hard-luck fighter Rocky Balboa in the five “Rocky” movies will be executive producer of “The Contender,” working with reality mogul Mark Burnett (“The Apprentice” and

“Survivor”) and producer Jeffrey Katzenberg of Dreamworks SKG.

Stallone and Burnett said the NBC series will focus on the lives of boxing hopefuls in and outside the ring. NBC executives said the show will likely air in the 2004-05 season.

The idea for the new series was hatched by Katzenberg, the former Disney executive who went on to

form his own studio with Steven Spielberg and David Geffen.

The series will follow would-be boxers from training camp through challenges in the ring over 16 episodes, with the winner getting \$1 million and the chance to become a professional prize fighter.

The boxers will fight one another in a weekly elimination process similar to other reality shows. Producers haven’t decided the weight class of the boxers yet.

Stallone said he will jump into the ring during the series and



DAMIAN DOVARGANES/AP

Stallone announced his plans to get back in the public eye earlier this week.

spar with some of the boxers. He believes the show will give boxers a Rockyesque chance at their dream.

“The door is now wide open again for you to have the opportunity to walk through it,” Stallone said, speaking to potential contestants.

Both he and Burnett expressed disenchantment with professional boxing today, saying the sport is often misrepresented on many fronts and has too many federations. **LYNN ELBER (AP)**

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Television

ON TV THIS WEEKEND

THE WAGGIES
As the clock ticks down to the Academy Awards show, viewers can still catch a non-Oscar ceremony, the kind of competition that forced the once predominant movie awards show to move up a month. Friday night, real-life husband and wife team Bradley Whitford (“The West Wing”) and Jane Kaczmarek (“Malcolm in the Middle”) host the 56th annual **WRITERS GUILD AWARDS** (7 p.m., Encore), honoring the year’s best-written film and television scripts. Between the Golden Globes, the Writer’s Guild, the Director’s Guild, the Screen Actor’s Guild and the Critics Choice, you can watch an awards show practically every weekend from the end of the Christmas holidays to the Oscars themselves.

AND SPEAKING OF ...
Celebrities and unknowns gather at the

“Independent Spirit Awards Red Carpet Show” (Sat., 9 p.m., Bravo), followed by “The Independent Spirit Awards” (10 p.m., Bravo), honoring small movies made outside of the studio system. Maverick director John Waters hosts.

’TOON TIME
PARTY WAGON (Fri., 8 p.m., Cartoon Network) may be the first feature-length cartoon Western of the 21st century. And that may be the best thing that can be said about it. Cartoon and movie buffs may enjoy listening for the familiar voices of Sean Astin, Pamela Hayden, Maurice LaMarche and Carolyn Lawrence. There are even a few lines from Homer Simpson himself, Dan Castellaneta.

Created by Craig Bartlett (“Hey Arnold!”), “Wagon” offers a pastiche of Western movie cliches, including the ornery Canastota cook, the rootin-tootin gun-slingin’ cowgirl and a hunt for buried treasure. There are also some original personalities, including a Shakespeare-

spouting spinster with a decided resemblance to Olive Oyl. While “Wagon” has its moments, it’s extended duration and lack of many three-dimensional characters may prove taxing to all but the most dedicated ’toon fan.

OSCAR ODDS
THE 76TH ACADEMY AWARDS (Sun., 8:30 p.m., ABC) OK, it’s time for Oscar predictions. Here’s my short list of odds on the topics that will either make it into Billy Crystal’s monologues or show up in acceptance speeches and other outbursts:

It’s 5-to-2 that somebody will mention President Bush’s call for a constitutional amendment to ban gay marriage. A joke or complaint about Mel Gibson’s “The Passion” is at least 3-to-1.

Expect an avalanche of Bruce Vilanch jokes about Gov. Schwarzenegger. As a



BOB D'AMICO/ABC

Tiny actor Billy Crystal hosts the Oscars.

rabid Yankees fan, look for Billy Crystal to make at least one crack about the team's expensive new third baseman, so consider A-Rod jokes a 15-to-1 shot. While it's ancient history now, look for at least one joke about Janet Jackson's eye-popping Super Bowl stunt, most likely involving a flash of male chest.

I give 10-to-1 odds that someone

praises the bravery of our fighting men and women in Afghanistan and Iraq, and 5-to-1 that somebody makes a quip about weapons of mass destruction. There's at least a 4-to-1 shot that the camera will cut to Jack Nicholson looking happy and reptilian. Double those odds if his “Something's Gotta Give” co-star Diane Keaton takes home an award.

While industry in-jokes are hard to predict, I give 2-to-1 odds that someone will comment about illegal movie downloading and/or the Academy's efforts to stop “screener” tapes from being distributed. And the odds that the Oscars will wrap up by midnight Eastern? Not a chance.

DON'T CRY OUT LOUD
THE BARBARA WALTERS SPECIAL (Sun., 7 p.m., ABC) Billy Crystal, Diane Keaton and Matt LeBlanc chat on the 23rd annual Oscar-night sobfest. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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| | WTTG [5] | Simpsons | Simpsons | Friends [6] | Seinfeld [6] | The Great American Celebrity Spelling Bee (N) [1] | | | News | | Simpsons | Drew Carey | | |
| | WJLA [7] | News [6] | ABC News | Fortune | Jeopardy! (N) | Lopez | Married | Hope & Faith | Life-Bonnie | Super Millionaire (N) [6] | News [6] | Nightline [6] | | |
| | WUSA [9] | News [6] | CBS News | USA Tonight | Ent. Tonight | Joan of Arcadia (N) [1] | | JAG "Take it Like a Man" | CSI: Miami "Complications" | | News [6] | Late Show | | |
| | WDCA [20] | Moesha [6] | The Hughleys | '70s Show | '70s Show | ★ ★ "Mercury Rising" (1998) Bruce Willis. [1] | | | Seinfeld [6] | Raymond | Dharma-Greg | Dharma-Greg | | |
| | WMPT [22] | NewsHour With Jim Lehrer | | Business Rpt. | State Circle | Wash. Week | Wall-Fortune | Now With Bill Moyers (N) [1] | | Frank Sinatra: Ol' Blue Eyes | | Petula Clark in Concert | | |
| | WETA [26] | World News | Business Rpt. | NewsHour With Jim Lehrer | | Wash. Week | Wall-Fortune | Now With Bill Moyers (N) [1] | | Masterpiece Theatre "The Forsyte Saga II" [1] | | (DVS) | | |
| | WHUT [32] | White House | Uncommon | World News | MoneyWise | Evening Exchange | | | Marsalis Family: A Jazz | World News | Tavis Smiley | Charlie Rose (N) [1] | | |
| WBDC [50] | The Parkers | Steve Harvey | The Parkers | Steve Harvey | Reba [1] | Reba [1] | Grounded for Life (N) [6] | | Will & Grace | Just Shoot | Will & Grace | Blind Date (N) | | |
| BASIC CABLE | A&E | City Confidential [6] | | American Justice | | ★ ★ ★ ★ "Platoon" (1986) Tom Berenger. Premiere. [6] | | | Airline [6] | Airline [6] | Third Watch "To Protect ..." | | | |
| | Animal | The Crocodile Hunter [6] | | Animals | | Planet's Funniest Animals | | | Planet's Funniest Animals | | | Planet's Funniest Animals | | |
| | BET | 106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live | | | | ★ ★ ★ "Waiting to Exhale" (1995) Whitney Houston, Angela Bassett. | | | Comicview | | Nightly News | Music | | |
| | Bravo | Celebrity Poker Showdown | | Inside the Actors Studio | | Queer Eye for Straight Guy | | | ★ ★ ★ "The Player" (1992, Comedy-Drama) Tim Robbins, Fred Ward. 'R' | | | Boys Don't | | |
| | Comedy | Late Night [1] | | Daily Show | Mad TV (N) [1] | | Premium | Presents | Presents | Presents | Presents | Premium | Presents | |
| | Court | Profiler [1] | | Cops [1] | Cops [1] | Forensic | I, Detective | Forensic | Masterminds | The System | | NYPD Blue [1] | | |
| | Discovery | Monster Garage [6] | | Monster House | | Great Biker Build-Off 4 | | | American Chopper | | | Great Biker Build-Off 4 | | |
| | DISCH | Rescue 911 | Rescue 911 | Paramedics [6] | | Super Surgery | | | Impact: Stories of Survival | | | Super Surgery | | |
| | Disney | Even Stevens | Sister, Sister | That's-Raven | Lizzie | ★ ★ ★ "Bug's Life" (1998) Voices of Dave Foley. [6] | | | (9:50) ★ ★ ★ "Bug's Life" (1998) Voices of Dave Foley. | | | | | |
| | E! | Celebrity Beauty Secrets | | E! News (N) | Love Chain | Geek to Chic | Hard Knocks | Celebrities Uncensored | | Anna Bares All | Howard Stern | Howard Stern | | |
| | FX | Married... | Married... | Cops [1] | Cops [1] | ★ ★ ½ "Bedazzled" (2000, Comedy) Brendan Fraser. | | | Maxim's The Girl Next Door | | | Todd TV | | |
| | HGTV | Before Aft | Building | Curb Appeal | House | Debbie Travis' Facelift [1] | | Design-Dime | Design-Dime | Designers' | Designers' | Outer Spaces | Landscapers | |
| | Family | Full House | Full House | 7th Heaven "Stand Up" [6] | | ★ ½ "Hope Floats" (1998) Sandra Bullock. [6] | | | Whose Line? | Whose Line? | The 700 Club [6] | | | |
| | History | Extraterrestrials [6] | | Modern Marvels [6] | | Dead Men's Secrets (N) | | | Mail Call [6] | Heavy Metal (N) [6] | | Sex in World War II | | |
| | Lifetime | The Nanny | Designing | Golden Girls | Golden Girls | The Nanny | The Nanny | ★ ★ ½ "Chance of a Lifetime" (1998) John Ritter. [6] | | Merge [6] | | | | |
| | MTV | Carmen-Dave | Carmen-Dave | Direct Effect [1] | | Real World | | Real World | True Life "I Live in Iraq" [1] | | Osbournes | Osbournes | Music Videos [1] | |
| | NICK | SpongeBob | SpongeBob | Drake & Josh | SpongeBob | Neutron | Robot | Robot | ChalkZone | Cosby Show | Cosby Show | Roseanne | Roseanne | |
| | SCIFI | Stargate SG-1 [6] | | Stargate SG-1 [1] | | Stargate SG-1 [1] | | Stargate SG-1 (N) [1] | | Code Name: Eternity [6] | | Stargate SG-1 [1] | | |
| | SPIKE | Real TV [1] | Real TV [1] | Star Trek: Next Gener. | | Star Trek: Next Gener. | | | Star Trek: Next Gener. | | CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn. | | | |
| | TBS | Home Imp. | Seinfeld [6] | Seinfeld [6] | Friends [6] | ★ ½ "Deep Rising" (1998) (PA) Treat Williams. [6] | | | ★ ½ "Ghosts of Mars" (2001) (PA) Ice Cube. [6] | | | | | |
| | TLC | Clean Sweep [6] | | Trading Spaces: Family | | While You Were Out [6] | | While You Were Out (N) | | What Not to Wear "Ross" | | While You Were Out [6] | | |
| TNT | Charmed [1] | | Law & Order "Shadow" [1] | | Law & Order [1] | | (DVS) | ★ "Exit Wounds" (2001) Steven Seagal. Premiere. [6] | | ★ ★ ½ "Out for Justice" | | | | |
| USA | PGA Golf Chrysler Classic of Tucson -- Second Round. | | | | Law & Order | | | Monk (N) [6] | | Law & Order: Criminal Intent | | | | |
| VHI | Awesomely Bad Hair [1] | | Awesomely Bad Videos [1] | | Red Carpet | | Fabulous Life | Fabulous Life Of... [1] | | Outrageous Game Show | | Best Week | Fabulous Life | |
| SPAN. | TELEM | Corte-Pueblo | Noticiero | Pasión de Gavilanes | | Amor Descarado | | El Alma Herida | | Mujeres Apasionadas | | Noticiero Tel. | Laura | |
| | UNIV | Viviana | Noticiero | Amar Otra Vez | | Velo de Novia | | Bajo la Misma Piel | | Casos de la Vida Real | | Impacto | Noticiero | |
| SPORTS | ESPN | SportsCenter (Live) [6] | | NBA Basketball Toronto Raptors at Boston Celtics. (Live) [6] | | | | NBA Basketball Phoenix Suns at Seattle Sonics. (Live) [6] | | | | | | |
| | ESPN2 | 2003 Poker | 2003 World Series of Poker | | (:45) Dream Job [6] | | Boxing Friday Night Fights -- Juan Ruiz vs. Art Simonyan. (Live) [6] | | | | | | | |
| | CSN | NASCAR | SportsNite (Live) [6] | | NHL Hockey Washington Capitals at Florida Panthers. (Live) | | | | | | | | | |
| NEWS | CNN | Lou Dobbs Tonight [6] | | Anderson Cooper 360 [6] | | Paula Zahn Now [6] | | Larry King Live [6] | NewsNight-Aaron Brown | | Lou Dobbs Tonight | | | |
| | FNC | Special Report (Live) [6] | | Fox Report-Shepard Smith | | The O'Reilly Factor [6] | | Hannity & Colmes [6] | | On the Record | | The O'Reilly Factor | | |
| | MSNBC | The Abrams Report (Live) | | Hardball (Live) [6] | | Countdown-Olbermann | | Deborah Norville Tonight | | Scarborough Country (Live) | | Hardball [6] | | |
| MOVIES | AMC | ★ ★ ★ "Barbarosa" (1982, Western) Willie Nelson. 'PG' | | | | ★ ★ ★ "The Eiger Sanction" (1975, Suspense) Clint Eastwood. 'R' | | | | "Pinata: Survival Island" (2002) 'R' [6] | | | | |
| | TCM | (5:30) ★ ★ ★ ★ "Oliver!" (1968) Ron Moody. 'G' [6] | | | | ★ ★ ★ ½ "From Here to Eternity" (1953) Burt Lancaster. | | | | ★ ★ ★ ★ "West Side Story" (1961) Natalie Wood. 'NR' [6] | | | | |
| | HBO | ★ ★ ★ "Operation Dumbo Drop" (1995) Danny Glover. 'PG' | | | | Real Time (Live) [6] | | ★ ★ "Femme Fatale" (2002) Rebecca Romijn-Stamos. 'R' | | Curb-Enthsm | | Real Time [1] | | |
| | MAX | (:15) ★ ★ ½ "Deliver Us From Eva" (2003) LL Cool J. 'R' | | | | ★ ½ "Collateral Damage" (2002) Arnold Schwarzenegger. | | | | ★ ★ ★ "Spider-Man" (2002) Tobey Maguire. 'PG-13' [6] | | | | |
| | SHO | ★ ★ ½ "Focus" (2001) William H. Macy. 'PG-13' [6] | | | | ★ ★ ★ ½ "The Hours" (2002) Meryl Streep. 'PG-13' [6] | | | | Dead Like Me (iTV) [1] | | Family Biz | Family Biz | |
| | TMC | (:15) ★ "Deuces Wild" (2002) Stephen Dorff. [1] 'R' [6] | | | | ★ ★ "Kiss the Sky" (1998) Gary Cole. [1] 'R' [6] | | | | ★ ★ ★ "The Crow" (1994) Brandon Lee. 'R' | | | | |
| | STARZ! | (5:35) ★ ★ "Kull the Conqueror" (1997) [1] | | | (:20) ★ "Waking Up in Reno" (2002) 'R' | | | ★ ★ ★ "Signs" (2002) Mel Gibson. [1] 'PG-13' [6] | | ★ ★ "Empire" (2002) [1] 'R' | | | | |
| | ENCORE | (4:50) "The Bourne Identity" | | 2004 Writers Guild Awards | | ★ ★ ★ ★ "Unforgiven" (1992) Clint Eastwood. [1] 'R' [6] | | | | (:15) ★ ★ ★ ½ "Aliens" (1986) Sigourney Weaver. 'R' [6] | | | | |

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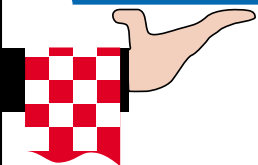
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DANGER
Death Threats Are the Sincerest Form of Flattery
The Darkness frontman **JUSTIN HAWKINS** has received death threats. "A band of this stature are bound to receive letters of this nature," the band's spokesman said Wednesday. The first threat reportedly arrived shortly after the group won three Brit Music Awards last week. "It was a handwritten letter," Hawkins told The Sun. "It's quite flattering that somebody wants to kill me but at the same time it's very scary." (AP)



STEPHEN HIRD/REUTERS

Note to self: When creating an earworm, it's best to have bodyguards.



MARCIO JOSE SANCHEZ/AP

WEDDINGS
Mrs. and Mrs. Rosie
Former talk-show host **ROSIE O'DONNELL** married longtime girlfriend **KELLI CARPENTER** in San Francisco on Thursday, taking her vows in the city where more than 3,300 other same-sex couples have tied the knot since Feb. 12. The newlyweds walked hand in hand through City Hall to thunderous applause from the hundreds of spectators who came to witness the city's first celebrity same-sex wedding. (AP)

PUNISHMENTS
Biting Won't Be Part Of the Curriculum, Right?
MIKE TYSON avoided a return to jail Thursday by pleading guilty to disorderly conduct in a brawl with two men outside a Brooklyn

hotel last year. The former heavyweight champion's lawyer called the agreement a "fair and equitable resolution of this matter." Tyson appeared relaxed at the courthouse, as he flipped through a catalogue of boxing memorabilia. He will per-

form 100 hours of community service, teaching and instructing children in boxing. Once that is completed, other charges will be dropped. (AP)



NAM Y. HUI/AP

PAPARAZZI
The Next Baba Wawa?
British celebrity reporter **MARTIN BASHIR**, whose "children sleep in my bed"-interview with **MICHAEL JACKSON** was seen by 27 million Americans last year, is negotiating to join ABC. A spokesman would not comment Thursday on a report that Bashir had agreed to move to ABC in July — right around the time Barbara Walters retires. (AP)



Barbara Walters would never, ever be caught strolling without an umbrella.

HEARSAY | BJORK'S BANE
"Unfortunately, I think they're playing it safer because of us."
— **JOAN RIVERS**
TAKING BLAME FOR THE LESS THAN AUDACIOUS GARB SPORTED BY HOLLYWOOD TYPES AT AWARDS SHOWS. SHE AND DAUGHTER MELISSA WILL ONCE AGAIN TRASH-TALK ON THE RED CARPET AT THE OSCARS.



Famous North Carolinians: James K. Polk. Andrew Jackson. Clay Aiken.

ARTIFACTS
Look for 'The Clay State!' On All 2005 License Plates
The white shirt, black pinstriped pants and shoes that **CLAY AIKEN** wore in an early round of "American Idol" will be exhibited at the North Carolina Museum of History beginning March 2. Aiken, 25, wore the outfit during a Motown-themed show. "Today's popular culture often becomes tomorrow's history," said Elizabeth Buford, director of the history museum and the Division of State History Museums. (AP)

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today

Partly sunny and chilly
46°

Tonight

Becoming mostly clear and cold
28°

Saturday

Sunny; a milder afternoon
56° / 34°

Sunday

Sunny and mild
64° / 40°

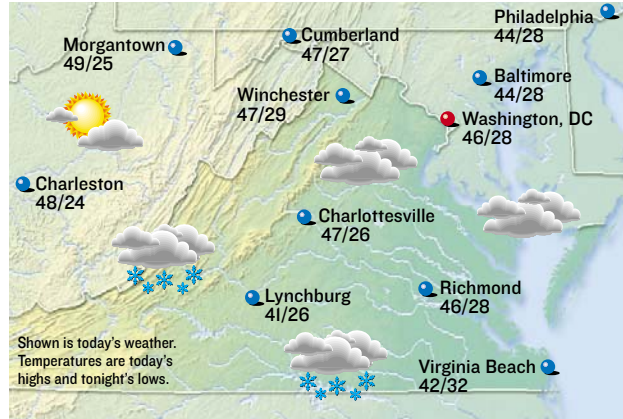
Monday

Partly sunny; breezy and mild
60° / 42°

Tuesday

Mostly cloudy, a chance of showers
60° / 38°

Regional Weather



Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Thur.

Temperature
High 42°
Low 30°
Normal high 50°
Normal low 32°
Average humidity 45%

Precipitation
24 hours ending 4 p.m. 0.00"
Month to date 2.28"
Normal month to date 2.41"
Year to date 3.63"
Last year to date 9.06"
Normal year to date 5.62"

For up-to-the-minute weather, see:
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Regional Forecast

D.C. Metro: Today, partly sunny, breezy, chilly. High 46. Wind northeast 8-16 mph. Tonight, becoming clear, cold. Low 28. Saturday, sunny. High 56.

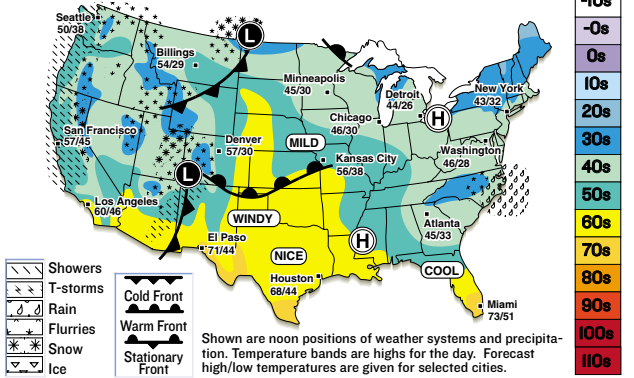
Sun and Moon

Sunrise today 6:45 a.m.
Sunset tonight 5:58 p.m.
Moonrise today 10:26 a.m.
Moonset today 12:37 a.m.

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National Weather for Friday, February 27



National Cities

| City | Today | Sat. |
|---------------|----------|----------|
| Hi/Low | Hi/Low | Hi/Low |
| Atlanta | 45/33/c | 63/37/s |
| Boston | 43/26/s | 46/32/s |
| Chicago | 46/30/s | 54/37/s |
| Dallas | 64/44/s | 66/52/c |
| Denver | 57/30/c | 48/24/c |
| Honolulu | 79/65/sh | 77/64/pc |
| Los Angeles | 60/46/c | 64/48/s |
| Miami | 73/51/pc | 71/59/pc |
| New York City | 43/32/s | 49/36/s |
| Orlando | 64/44/c | 70/52/pc |
| Seattle | 50/38/sh | 50/36/pc |

World Cities

| City | Today | Sat. |
|--------------|----------|----------|
| Hi/Low | Hi/Low | Hi/Low |
| Amsterdam | 36/28/sn | 36/26/c |
| Athens | 70/53/t | 63/51/pc |
| Berlin | 32/18/c | 32/21/c |
| Buenos Aires | 86/64/pc | 77/57/s |
| Calgary | 38/15/pc | 33/10/sn |
| Dublin | 39/28/c | 40/32/r |
| Geneva | 30/17/pc | 32/15/pc |
| Moscow | 33/21/sn | 34/13/i |
| Rome | 51/34/pc | 50/31/r |
| Sydney | 78/60/s | 82/66/pc |
| Tokyo | 50/34/pc | 51/45/s |

Playback

Letters

TO THE EDITOR

I'D LIKE TO EXPRESS my hurt and disappointment regarding the sexist piece in Thursday's Express about the Capital Home and Garden Show ("Top Stops"). The blurb insinuates that the show, and gardening itself, is only for women. I am a longtime gardener and know many other men who enjoy gardening as well. Sexism goes both ways, and I am shocked that an article of such ignorance would even make it to print in a prestigious Washington Post publication.

—JIM BARRETT
Washington, D.C.

IN REGARD TO GAY MARRIAGE, many people seem to forget that up until 37 years ago, interracial marriage was unpopular, not to mention illegal in 16 states (until the U.S. Supreme Court case of *Loving v. Virginia* in 1967). So, when we talk about the "sanctity of marriage," we should remember that popular opinion once considered a marriage between persons of different racial backgrounds a violation of that sanctity.

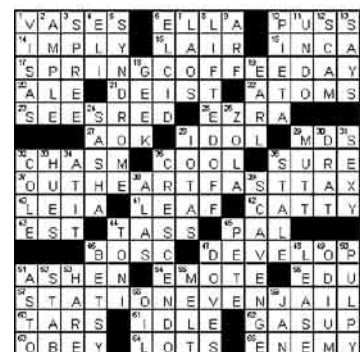
We ought to be very careful not to write discrimination into our laws and especially not into our sacred Constitution.

—DAVID PERRY
Arlington, Va.

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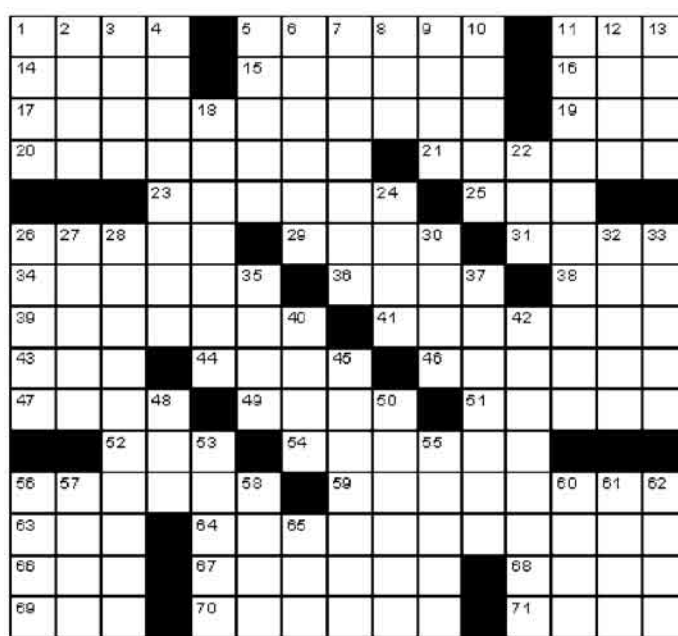
Yesterday's Solution



Crossword Puzzle: Theme Here | Edited by Timothy E. Parker

ACROSS

- 1 Lee of bakery products
- 5 Jamal Lewis, for one
- 11 Gal of song
- 14 In the know
- 15 Hawaii's senator Daniel
- 16 "___ the line!"
- 17 "You can believe me"
- 19 Binary system element
- 20 Exhibit stage fright
- 21 Hammer, once
- 23 Word after "I'll be"
- 25 Natl. education group
- 26 Plant fiber used for twine
- 29 Exhibit amusement
- 31 Christmas poem opener
- 34 Rocky ridges
- 36 Appear to be
- 38 Royal initials
- 39 Flat-bottomed rowboats
- 41 Alexander Calder art form
- 43 Polo Grounds legend
- 44 Birdbrain
- 46 Airtight
- 47 William the sharpshooter



- 49 New Mexico artist colony
- 51 Small, plump songbirds
- 52 Conger
- 54 Becomes bubbly
- 56 Car accessories
- 59 Formal letters
- 63 Freud subject
- 64 Farewell words

- 66 Morning deposit
- 67 Epoch characterized by the rise of mammals
- 68 Will-___-wisp
- 69 Relaxation place
- 70 Stockholm natives
- 71 Thirteen popes

DOWN

- 1 Visit the Internet
- 2 Mimic

- 3 American Beauty, e.g.
- 4 Precede in time
- 5 Stair-step part
- 6 Like some deserving heroes
- 7 Pea-___ (dense fogs)
- 8 "Ben-___"
- 9 Star of "The Invisible Boy" (1957)

- 10 Military fortification
- 11 Take five
- 12 Top-notch
- 13 Lustful look
- 18 Brilliantly colored garden shrubs
- 22 Teacher's favorite
- 24 Conks out
- 26 Wooden shoe
- 27 Hot under the collar
- 28 "Take it easy!"
- 30 Takes home
- 32 "Over the Rainbow" composer Harold
- 33 Lean-tos
- 35 Word with Santa or business
- 37 "I'm No Angel" star
- 40 Dec. holiday
- 42 Pub seat
- 45 Like Eddie Cantor
- 48 Neckwear for 15-Across, perhaps
- 50 In the backstroke position
- 53 Comes in second
- 55 They may be silver or gold
- 56 Foxx of comedy
- 57 "A Death in the Family" author
- 58 Store for a rainy day
- 60 Mandolin's ancestor
- 61 Repeat
- 62 "___ the One" (1996 Aniston film)
- 65 A service winner

The Duplex | Glenn McCoy



Horoscope | Stella Wilder

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Be careful not to change your behavior to please others. Have security in yourself, and learn when to compromise.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Be ready for a new beginning of sorts. You needn't be afraid or insecure; remain open-minded and positive at all times.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — That which requires a certain amount of sacrifice is more than likely to prove worth it in the long run — and the short run, too.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You are in no mood to be flighty or whimsical. You will be happiest if everything is carefully ordered and in its place.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Be especially careful to demonstrate self-confidence when you are with your peers. People are very likely looking to you for the answers.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Do what you can to avoid long-term travel plans. Short trips are likely to prove much more fruitful — and far less risky.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Keep your business affairs on the level; avoid clandestine arrangements that may be questionable in the eyes of the law.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Make sure you take the time to tell those closest to you just how you really feel. Now is not the time to neglect your special circle of friends.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — One favor will develop into two or three. Take care, however, that you don't become resentful; it'll be your turn very soon.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — You have what it takes to influence others in a highly positive manner. Your bright, cheery side can welcome new friends into your circle.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You must pay more attention than usual to those things that seem just a little too random; if it seems like an accident, it may not be.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — An important financial decision is fast approaching, and though you can't put it to bed, you can do some checking and double-checking.

LIVE ONLINE

Metro's Money

From washingtonpost.com/liveonline

Washington Post staff writer **LYNDSAY LAYTON** was online Thursday to discuss her story about the millions of dollars missing from Metro's pay parking lots and garages.

Shouldn't Metro be looking to make the parking lot exits entirely automated? For those people who don't use SmarTrip cards, it doesn't seem like a stretch to allow farecards for payment or some sort of token.

Good point. Metro officials say they can't entirely automate parking facilities because of a small portion of folks — tourists, for example — who don't carry SmarTrip cards and wouldn't want to spend the \$5 necessary to buy one. The answer, they say, is in a disposable SmarTrip card but those won't be developed for another five to seven years. In the meantime, Metro officials say it doesn't make sense to invest in a temporary token system.

What was the due process for the fired workers accused of stealing?

The union that represents the cashiers says they were denied due process and that no evidence was presented. It has filed a complaint with the National Labor Relations Board.

What measures will be put in place to reduce parking collection theft and can the money be recovered?

Metro says that by April it will have installed more secure equipment in about two-thirds of its lots and garages, and it is already seeing a difference in the amount of parking revenue it is collecting.

The agency says it has increased supervision and surveillance of cashiers and that the word has spread among cashiers that "the jig is up." But it seems doubtful that Metro will be able to recover its lost revenue — the agency doesn't even know how much is missing, let alone exactly who is responsible.

Today on Live Online

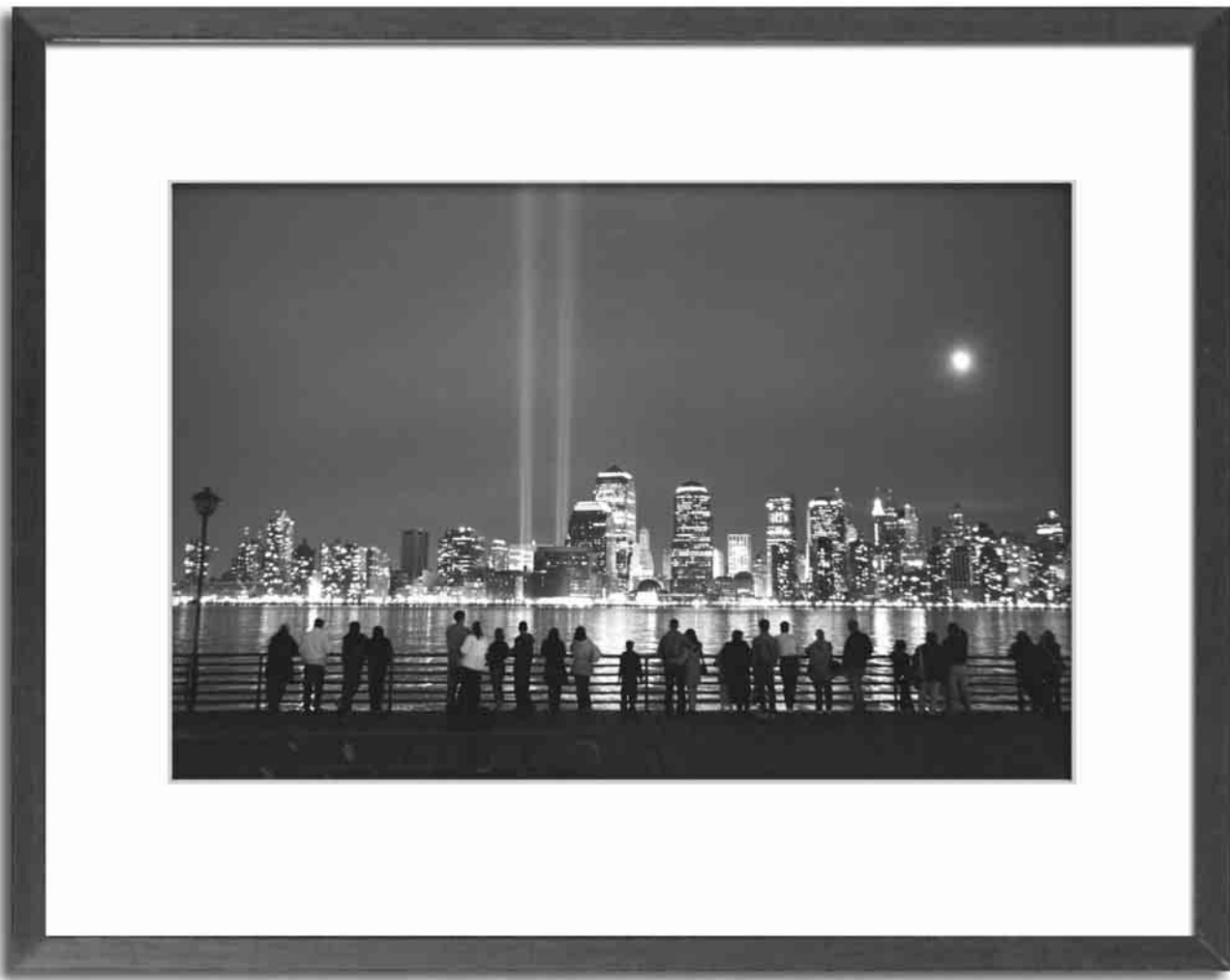
10:30 A.M.: Antique experts Leigh and Leslie Keno of PBS's "Find" series answer questions about antiques.

1:30 P.M.: Maia Morgenstern, who plays "Mary" in "The Passion of the Christ," takes questions about the film and her role.

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